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Challenging Every Person to Take God More Seriously

Letting the Bible Speak

Becoming a Christian and
Finding a Faithful Congregation

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How to Use These Lessons

THE SCRIPTURES CONTAIN THE INFORMATION WE NEED TO BE RECONCILED TO GOD. The trouble is, we do not let the Scriptures speak. Instead, we formulate our opinions and force the Scriptures to fit those opinions.

In the four lessons that follow, you will be looking at a number of passages from the Scriptures. After each Scripture citation, there are questions to be answered from the passage you just read.

As you go through these lessons, the temptation will be for you to look off into space and answer the questions based on what you think should be the answer — but you will need to resist that temptation. Remember to **look at the passage of Scripture** which you have just read and answer the question from that passage. ***It is a simple process, really. Just read the passage and then answer the question based on what the passage says.***

In **Acts 17:11**, we read that the people who heard the gospel in Berea “were more fair-minded than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness, and *searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so.*” Wouldn’t it be nice if the same thing could be said about us today?

Whatever your reasons for studying these lessons may be, I hope you’ll profit from your studies. My prayer is that you will indeed *let the Bible speak to you*. And whatever you need to do to obey God’s word, I pray you’ll do that.

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Are you sure?

How does one become a Christian?

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Lesson 1

Answer each question by looking thoughtfully at the passage indicated. Resist the tendency to answer with an opinion that you or someone else may hold. Look at the passage itself. What does it say? *Let the Bible speak.*

1. LIFE'S BASIC QUESTIONS. How can we learn the answers to life's most basic questions: Where did we come from? Why are we here? Where are we going?
 - a. Read: **Genesis 1:1,26,27.**
 - b. According to this passage: Does the Bible tell us where we came from?
 - c. Read: **Ecclesiastes 12:13,14.**
 - d. According to this passage: Does the Bible tell us why we are here?
 - e. Read: **Romans 2:5-11.**
 - f. According to this passage: Does the Bible tell us where we are going?
 - g. For further study: **Matthew 25:31-46; 2 Corinthians 5:10; Hebrews 9:27.**
2. INSPIRATION OF THE BIBLE. What do we mean when we say that the Bible is "inspired"?
 - a. Read: **2 Peter 1:20,21.**
 - b. According to this passage: Were the writers of the Scriptures moved by anything other than their own will?
 - c. For further study: **Matthew 10:19,20; 2 Timothy 3:16,17.**
3. THE PART OF THE BIBLE THAT PERTAINS ESPECIALLY TO US. Are we to use the Old Testament in the same way as the New Testament?
 - a. Read: **Hebrews 1:1,2.**
 - b. According to this passage: Does God speak today in a way that goes beyond the way He spoke in past ages?
 - c. For further study: **Matthew 5:17,18; John 1:17; Romans 15:4; Hebrews 9:15.**
4. PLEASING GOD. What must we believe and do if we are to be what God wants us to be?
 - a. Read: **Hebrews 11:6.**
 - b. According to this passage: Must the person who comes to God do anything more than believe that God exists?
5. MANY RELIGIONS IN THE WORLD. Are not people in various parts of the world free to seek God by means of different religions?
 - a. Read: **Matthew 28:18-20.**
 - b. According to this passage: Were the apostles to preach the gospel to certain nations only?
 - c. According to this passage: Was there something those who were baptized were to be taught to do?
 - d. For further study: **Acts 17:24-31.**
 - e. Read: **John 14:6.**
 - f. According to this passage: Did Jesus claim to be merely one of many paths to God?
 - g. For further study: **John 6:68,69; 20:30,31.**

6. TRUE WORSHIP OF GOD. How must we worship if our worship is to be acceptable to God?
 - a. Read: **John 4:23,24.**
 - b. According to this passage: Are true worshipers free to worship in any way they choose?
 - c. According to this passage: Is sincerity the only requirement for true worship?
 - d. Read: **Matthew 15:9.**
 - e. According to this passage: Is there a kind of doctrine that can make our worship vain?
7. SIN. What is the real meaning of “sin”?
 - a. Read: **Acts 23:1; 26:9,10.**
 - b. According to this passage: Is our conscience always enough to tell us whether we are guilty of sin?
 - c. For further study: **1 Timothy 4:2.**
 - d. Read: **1 John 3:4.**
 - e. According to this passage: Does sin have anything to do with the law of God?
 - f. For further study: **2 John 9.**
8. THE EXTENT OF SIN IN THE WORLD. Is there any person who does not need to be saved from sin?
 - a. Read: **Romans 3:23.**
 - b. According to this passage: Is there something all of us have done that causes us to fall short of the glory of God?
 - c. For further study: **Galatians 3:22.**
9. THE POWER OF GOD TO SALVATION. What provision has God made to save man?
 - a. Read: **Romans 1:16.**
 - b. According to this passage: Does God have a power that is sufficient to save us from our sins?
 - c. According to this passage: Are we told who can receive the benefit of this power?
10. THE WORLD’S RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL. Will most of the world be saved eternally?
 - a. Read: **Matthew 7:13,14.**
 - b. According to this passage: In religion, is it safe to follow the majority?
 - c. For further study: **John 14:6.**
11. MAKING CHANGES IN THE GOSPEL. What would be the consequence if we changed the gospel into something different from what God has given?
 - a. Read: **Galatians 1:6-9.**
 - b. According to this passage: Is a warning given to those who would change the gospel in any way?
12. UNITY IN CHRIST. Does Jesus Christ want unity among those who claim to follow Him?
 - a. Read: **John 17:17,20,21.**
 - b. According to this passage: Is there any basis upon which the followers of Christ can be unified?
 - c. For further study: **1 Corinthians 1:10; Ephesians 4:3-6; 2 John 9.**

13. CONFESSING CHRIST. What would be the consequence if we refused to confess Christ?
 - a. Read: **Matthew 10:32,33**.
 - b. According to this passage: When Jesus comes again will He deny anyone before His Father?
 - c. Read: **Titus 1:16**.
 - d. According to this passage: Other than denying Him with our words, is there any other way we can deny Christ?
14. OBEYING CHRIST. What would be the consequence if we confessed Christ with our lips but did not obey Him in our deeds?
 - a. Read: **Matthew 7:21-23**.
 - b. According to this passage: Is anything else needed to enter the kingdom of heaven other than calling Jesus our “Lord”?
 - c. According to this passage: Are there sincere religious people to whom the Lord would say, “Depart from Me”?
 - d. For further study: **Luke 6:46; 2 Timothy 2:19**.
15. THE “FAITH ONLY” DOCTRINE. What would be the consequence if we followed the “faith only” approach to the gospel?
 - a. Read: **James 2:17,24,26**.
 - b. According to this passage: Are we told whether faith can save us by itself?
16. THE IMPACT OF THE GOSPEL ON OUR WAY OF LIFE. Does the gospel have a bearing on the practical things in our lives, such as the marriage relationship?
 - a. Read: **Matthew 19:9**.
 - b. According to this passage: Does the gospel of Christ say anything about our marriages?
 - c. For further study: **1 Corinthians 7:1-9**.
17. OPPORTUNITY FOR SALVATION AFTER DEATH. When this life is over, will there be any other opportunity for us to be saved?
 - a. Read: **2 Corinthians 5:10**.
 - b. According to this passage: Do we know when the deeds are done upon which we will be judged?
 - c. For further study: **Hebrews 9:27**.
 - d. Read: **Philippians 2:12**.
 - e. According to this passage: Are we told who is capable of working out our salvation?
 - f. For further study: **Acts 2:40**.
18. THE TIME OF CHRIST’S RETURN. When will Christ return to judge the world?
 - a. Read: **Matthew 24:35,36**.
 - b. According to this passage: Is any instruction given to Christ’s followers concerning the day and the hour of His return?
 - c. For further study: **1 Thessalonians 5:1-6; 2 Peter 3:7-12**.

19. THE CHRISTIAN'S ATTITUDE TOWARD DEATH. What attitude toward death can the Christian have?
 - a. Read: **Hebrews 2:14,15**.
 - b. According to this passage: Is there something that allows a person to be released from the fear of death?
 - c. For further study: **1 Corinthians 15:50-57**.

20. THE VALUE OF BEING A CHRISTIAN. Does the gospel of Christ only have to do with our eternal destiny, or does it have a bearing on this life also?
 - a. Read: **1 Timothy 4:8**.
 - b. According to this passage: Is there something that holds promise both for the life that now is and also that which is to come?
 - c. For further study: **Luke 18:29,30**.

 - d. Read: **John 10:10**.
 - e. According to this passage: Is there something that Jesus came to make possible for us?

Questions for Review

1. Is the Bible the inspired word of God?
2. If we are to be what God wants us to be, must we believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him?
3. Are we free to seek and to worship God in any way that seems best to us?
4. Is sin a transgression of God's law?
5. Is there anyone who does not need to be saved from sin?
6. Is the gospel of Christ God's power to save us from our sins?
7. Is truth a basis upon which we can have unity in Christ?
8. If we believe in Christ but do not confess or obey Him, will we be saved?
9. After death, will we have any other opportunity to obey the gospel?
10. Does the gospel of Christ hold promise for this life and also the life to come?

Lesson 2

Answer each question by looking thoughtfully at the passage indicated. Resist the tendency to answer with an opinion that you or someone else may hold. Look at the passage itself. What does it say? *Let the Bible speak.*

1. THE REVEALING OF THE GOSPEL TO THE APOSTLES OF CHRIST. How complete and final is the revelation that was made to the apostles in the first century?
 - a. Read: **John 16:13.**
 - b. According to this passage: Did Jesus say how much of the truth the Spirit would guide His apostles into?
 - c. Read: **2 Peter 1:3.**
 - d. According to this passage: Are we told how much of what pertains to life and godliness has been given by God's divine power?
2. THE IMPERISHABILITY OF THE LORD'S WORD. If all truth concerning salvation was revealed to the apostles in the first century, can we be sure that we still have all of that truth today?
 - a. Read: **1 Peter 1:23-25.**
 - b. According to this passage: Are we told how long the word of God would abide?
 - c. According to this passage: Are we told whether the "word of the Lord" which endures forever is the same as the gospel preached by the apostles?
3. THE END OF THE LAW OF MOSES. Are we still under the Old Testament law today?
 - a. Read: **Colossians 2:14.**
 - b. According to this passage: Was there something against us that was taken out of the way at the cross?
 - c. Read: **Ephesians 2:14-16.**
 - d. According to this passage: Through His death on the cross, did Jesus abolish something that stood between Jews and Gentiles?
4. FREEDOM FROM THE LAW OF MOSES. If the Law of Moses is no longer in effect, does that mean we can do anything we please?
 - a. Read: **Romans 7:6,7.**
 - b. According to this passage: Is there something we have been delivered from?
 - c. According to this passage: Does the writer say any good purpose had been served by the law?
 - d. Read: **1 Corinthians 9:20,21.**
 - e. According to this passage: If we are not under the Law of Moses, is there any law that we are under?
 - f. For further study: **Romans 4:15; 1 John 3:4.**
5. THE LAW OF MOSES AND THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST. What role did the Law of Moses play in connection with the gospel of Christ?
 - a. Read: **Galatians 3:23-25.**
 - b. According to this passage: Are we told whether the Law of Moses was in effect before faith (the gospel) came or after?
 - c. According to this passage: Was there some purpose served by the law while it was in effect?

6. THE NEW COVENANT OF CHRIST. What makes the new covenant better than the old?
 - a. Read: **Hebrews 9:13-15**.
 - b. According to this passage: Are we told why there was a need for a new covenant between God and man?
 - c. For further study: **Hebrews 7:18,19; 8:6-13; 10:1-4**.

7. OUR ABILITY TO UNDERSTAND THE PLAN OF SALVATION. Is it possible for us to come to know what was in the mind of God concerning our salvation?
 - a. Read: **Ephesians 3:3-5**.
 - b. According to this passage: Is there something God has done now that He did not do in other ages?
 - c. According to this passage: Is there a way we can understand the apostle Paul's knowledge in the mystery of Christ?
 - d. For further study: **2 Corinthians 11:3**.

8. THE COMPLETENESS OF GOD'S REVELATION. Are the Scriptures a sufficient guide for our salvation?
 - a. Read: **2 Timothy 3:16,17**.
 - b. According to this passage: Are we told where Scripture comes from?
 - c. According to this passage: Are there things that the Scriptures (inspired writings) are profitable for?
 - d. According to this passage: Is there something that makes the man of God complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work?

9. JUDGMENT BY THE WORD OF CHRIST ALONE. Is the word of Christ the only standard of judgment by which our eternal destiny will be decided?
 - a. Read: **John 12:48**.
 - b. According to this passage: Is there someone whose words we will be judged by in the last day?
 - c. According to this passage: Will we be judged by the words of any other religious teacher who has ever lived?
 - d. According to this passage: Will we be judged by human religious creeds?
 - e. According to this passage: Will we be judged by the words of our family, friends, or neighbors?
 - f. For further study: **John 8:31,32; 14:6**.

10. THE IMPORTANCE OF DOING GOD'S WILL. What will happen if we practice anything other than God's will in religion?
 - a. Read: **Matthew 7:21-23**.
 - b. According to this passage: Did Jesus say whose will must be done in order to enter the kingdom of heaven?
 - c. According to this passage: Is being sincere in our religious practices enough to save us?

11. JESUS CHRIST, THE SAVIOR OF THE OBEDIENT. Can we expect to receive the benefits of salvation in Christ if we fail to obey Him?
 - a. Read: **Hebrews 5:8,9**.
 - b. According to this passage: Are we told to whom Jesus is the author of eternal salvation?
 - c. For further study: **Matthew 28:20**.

12. THE NECESSITY AND IMPORTANCE OF LOVING GOD. How important is it to love God with all our hearts?
 - a. Read: **Matthew 22:37,38.**
 - b. According to this passage: Is there something Jesus said was the greatest commandment?
 - c. Read: **John 14:15.**
 - d. According to this passage: Did Jesus say what is required if we truly love Him?
13. BEING SET FREE FROM SIN. What must take place before we can be servants of righteousness?
 - a. Read: **Romans 6:17,18.**
 - b. According to this passage: Is there something that must be obeyed from the heart if we are to be set free from sin?
14. OBEDIENCE TO THE GOSPEL. What will be the destiny of those who do not obey the gospel of Christ?
 - a. Read: **2 Thessalonians 1:7,8.**
 - b. According to this passage: When Christ returns, will there be some who will suffer the Lord's vengeance?
15. FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST. What would be the consequence if we refused to believe in Christ?
 - a. Read: **John 8:24.**
 - b. According to this passage: Is there something that must be done in order not to die in our sins?
 - c. Read: **John 3:16.**
 - d. According to this passage: Is there something that must be done in order not to perish but have everlasting life?
16. REPENTANCE. What would be the consequence if we refused to repent of our sins?
 - a. Read: **Acts 17:30,31.**
 - b. According to this passage: Is there something that God now commands all men everywhere to do?
 - c. Read: **Luke 13:3.**
 - d. According to this passage: Is there something that must be done in order not to perish?
17. GODLY SORROW. Is true repentance any more than feeling bad about having sinned?
 - a. Read: **2 Corinthians 7:10.**
 - b. According to this passage: Is there a difference between godly sorrow and the sorrow of the world?
 - c. According to this passage: Are we told what produces the repentance that leads to salvation?
 - d. For further study: **Matthew 3:8.**
 - e. Read: **Acts 3:19.**
 - f. According to this passage: Is there something that goes before the blotting out of our sins?
18. CONFESSION OF FAITH. What would be the consequence if we refused to confess our faith in Christ?
 - a. Read: **Matthew 10:32,33.**
 - b. According to this passage: Does Jesus say upon what condition He will confess us before His Father?

- c. Read: **Romans 10:9,10**.
 - d. According to this passage: In addition to believing in our hearts, is there something we must do to be saved?
 - e. For further study: **Matthew 16:15-17; Acts 8:36,37; 1 Timothy 6:12,13**.
19. BAPTISM. What would be the consequence if we refused to be baptized for the remission of our sins?
- a. Read: **Mark 16:15,16**.
 - b. According to this passage: In order to be saved, is there something that must follow belief in Christ?
 - c. Read: **Acts 2:38**.
 - d. According to this passage: In order to be saved, is there something that must follow repentance from our sins?
 - e. Read: **Acts 8:36,37**.
 - f. According to this passage: In order to be saved, is there something that must follow confession of our faith?
20. BAPTISM INTO CHRIST. At what point do we come into a saved relationship with Christ?
- a. Read: **Galatians 3:27**.
 - b. According to this passage: In order to be in Christ, is there something that must be done?
 - c. For further study: **Romans 6:3; 1 Corinthians 12:13; 1 Peter 3:21**.

Questions for Review

1. Do we need any additional revelation from God today?
2. Are we to use the Old Testament for our authority in religion today?
3. In the end, will we be judged by anything other than the word of Christ?
4. Can we be saved without obeying Christ?
5. Must we believe in Christ to be saved?
6. Must we repent of our sins to be saved?
7. Must we confess our faith to be saved?
8. Must we be baptized for the remission of sins to be saved?

Lesson 3

Answer each question by looking thoughtfully at the passage indicated. Resist the tendency to answer with an opinion that you or someone else may hold. Look at the passage itself. What does it say? *Let the Bible speak.*

1. THE SEPARATION OF MAN FROM GOD. What has caused the alienation that exists between God and man?
 - a. Read: **Isaiah 59:1,2.**
 - b. According to this passage: Are we told who is responsible for man's separation from God?
 - c. For further study: **Ezekiel 18:20; Romans 3:23; 6:23.**
2. SALVATION FROM SIN. What provision did God make for man to be saved from sin?
 - a. Read: **Luke 19:10.**
 - b. According to this passage: Is there someone who came to seek and to save the lost?
 - c. For further study: **John 3:16; Romans 1:16.**
3. MAN'S NEED FOR THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST. For whom was the gospel intended?
 - a. Read: **Mark 16:15,16.**
 - b. According to this passage: Was the gospel to be preached to only a certain segment of the human race?
 - c. According to this passage: Did Jesus say anything more than belief was going to be required for salvation?
 - d. According to this passage: Has God stated the consequences of disbelief?
4. THE PURPOSE OF BAPTISM. What happens when we are baptized in obedience to the gospel of Christ?
 - a. Read: **Acts 2:36-41.**
 - b. According to this passage: When Peter's hearers asked what they must do, had anything happened in their hearts?
 - c. According to this passage: When these people asked what to do, were they told what they must do to receive the remission of sins?
 - d. According to this passage: Did those who gladly received Peter's words do anything about it?
5. THE NECESSITY OF BAPTISM. What would be our condition if we refused to be baptized in obedience to the gospel?
 - a. Read: **Acts 22:16.**
 - b. According to this passage: Can we know whether Saul was saved before or after his baptism?
 - c. Read: **1 Peter 3:21.**
 - d. According to this passage: Are we told whether baptism saves us?
 - e. For further study: **Ephesians 1:3; Galatians 3:27.**
6. THE ACT OF BAPTISM. What is the action that takes place when one is baptized?
 - a. Read: **Acts 8:35-39.**
 - b. According to this passage: Are we told what prompted the eunuch to ask about being baptized?
 - c. According to this passage: Did this man confess anything before being baptized?

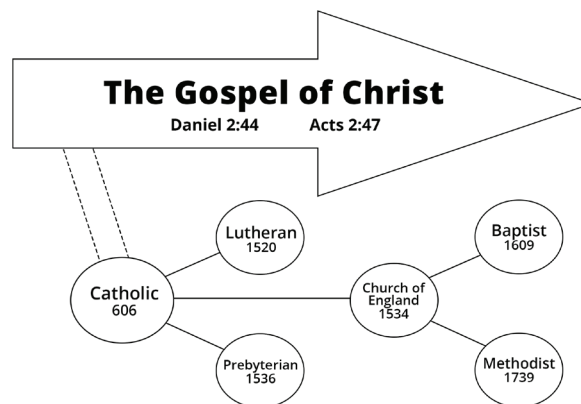
- d. According to this passage: Do we learn anything about the action of baptism from Philip and the eunuch both going down into the water?
7. BAPTISM AS A BURIAL WITH CHRIST. How is our baptism like the burial and resurrection of Christ?
- Read: **Romans 6:3,4**.
 - According to this passage: Does this passage tell us when we are “buried” with Christ and “raised” to walk in newness of life?
 - According to this passage: Can we learn from this passage whether sprinkling or pouring are acceptable substitutes for baptism?
 - For further study: **Colossians 2:12**.
8. ONE BAPTISM, ONE BODY. Might there be more than one valid baptism?
- Read: **Ephesians 4:4-6**.
 - According to this passage: Are we told how many baptisms there are by which a person may receive the forgiveness of sins?
 - According to this passage: Are we told how many Lords there are?
 - According to this passage: Are we told how many bodies the Lord has?
 - Read: **Ephesians 1:22,23**.
 - According to this passage: Are we told whether the Lord’s body is the same as His church?
9. ADDITION TO THE LORD’S CHURCH. When do we actually become members of the Lord’s church?
- Read: **Acts 2:41,47**.
 - According to this passage: Are we told who adds people to the Lord’s church and when this takes place?
10. UNITY IN THE LORD’S CHURCH. What is the Lord’s will concerning division among those who believe in Him?
- Read: **John 17:20,21**.
 - According to this passage: Did Jesus pray for anything concerning the unity of His disciples?
11. THE SIN OF SECTARIANISM. What is sectarianism and what is wrong with it?
- Read: **1 Corinthians 1:10-13**.
 - According to this passage: Was the Lord pleased with the fact that the Christians in Corinth were (a) speaking different things and (b) calling themselves after other men?
 - According to this passage: Is Christ pleased with the division of the denominational system today?
 - For further study: **1 Corinthians 3:4,5; Colossians 1:18**.
12. THE WAY INDIVIDUAL DISCIPLES WERE DESIGNATED IN THE NEW TESTAMENT. What “name” should be worn by those who wish to follow Christ?
- Read: **Acts 11:26**.
 - According to this passage: Is there a term that described the Lord’s people, beginning at Antioch?
 - According to this passage: Today, is the Lord pleased when we identify ourselves as certain “kinds” of Christians?
 - For further study: **Acts 26:28; 1 Peter 4:16**.

13. THE WAY LOCAL GROUPS OF DISCIPLES WERE DESIGNATED IN THE NEW TESTAMENT. What “name” should be worn by congregations of Christians?

- a. Read: **Matthew 16:18**.
- b. According to this passage: Can we know who promised to build the church?
- c. Read: **Acts 20:28**.
- d. According to this passage: Can we know who purchased the church and what the price was?
- e. For further study: **1 Peter 1:18,19**.
- f. Read: **Romans 16:16**.
- g. According to this passage: Is there a way that local congregations of Christians were designated?
- h. According to this passage: Is there a scriptural designation for a local congregation that Christians should be able to unite on today?

14. THE HISTORY OF DENOMINATIONALISM. How did the present divided state of so-called “Christendom” come about?

- a. Read: **1 Timothy 4:1-3**.
- b. According to this passage: In regard to “the faith,” was a prediction made about what some would do?
- c. For further study: **Acts 20:28-31; 2 Thessalonians 2:3,4; 2 Timothy 3:1-9; 4:3,4**.



15. WHAT THE LORD ADDS PEOPLE TO. What is it that the Lord makes us a part of when we obey the gospel?

- a. Read: **Acts 2:36-41,47**.
- b. According to this passage: Did the Lord save these believers who repented and were baptized?
- c. According to this passage: Are we told whether they were added to anything?
- d. According to this passage: Were they added to any man-made denomination?
- e. According to this passage: If we today do just what these 3,000 individuals did, will we be just what they were?

16. THE INSUFFICIENCY OF “FAITH ONLY.” Can one become a member of the Lord’s church by just believing in the Lord?

- a. Read: **James 2:24**.
- b. According to this passage: Does this passage tell us why one who had “faith only” would not be added to the Lord’s church?

- c. For further study: **Acts 2:47; 10:34,35.**
17. THE INSTITUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER. What did Jesus say when He instituted the Lord's Supper?
- Read: **Matthew 26:26-29.**
 - According to this passage: Were there two elements the Lord instructed His disciples to partake of?
 - According to this passage: Did Jesus say what these elements stood for?
 - According to this passage: Did Jesus say anything about a "kingdom"?
 - For further study: **Matthew 16:18; Mark 9:1; 14:22-25; Luke 22:19,20; Colossians 1:13; Revelation 1:9.**
18. OBSERVANCE OF THE LORD'S SUPPER BY THE CHURCH. Is it God's will that we partake of the Lord's Supper today?
- Read: **1 Corinthians 11:23-26.**
 - According to this passage: Concerning the Lord's death, did Paul say Christians are to do something "till He comes"?
19. THE DAY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER. On what day of the week, and how often, is the Lord's Supper to be observed?
- Read: **Acts 20:7.**
 - According to this passage: Was there a particular day the disciples came together to "break bread"?
 - According to this passage: As Christians, would we please God if we failed to observe the Lord's Supper on this day or changed it to another day?
 - For further study: **John 4:23,24.**
20. THE FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION OF CHRISTIANS TO THE LORD'S WORK. How is the work of the Lord to be supported financially?
- Read: **1 Corinthians 16:1,2.**
 - According to this passage: Was there a particular day Christians were to give of their means to the Lord's work?

Questions for Review

- Does sin alienate us from God?
- Has God provided a way for us to be saved from our sins?
- When we obey the gospel of Christ, are we baptized for the remission of our sins?
- Are we baptized into the body of Christ, His church?
- Can those who obey the gospel have unity based on the authority of Christ's word?
- Should those who obey the gospel become members of any sect or denomination?
- Are Christians to observe the Lord's Supper every first day of the week?
- Are Christians to give of their means every first day of the week?

Lesson 4

Answer each question by looking thoughtfully at the passage indicated. Resist the tendency to answer with an opinion that you or someone else may hold. Look at the passage itself. What does it say? *Let the Bible speak.*

1. STEADFASTNESS IN WORSHIP AND SERVICE. How important is it to continue doing the things that the Lord has commanded His people?
 - a. Read: **Acts 2:42.**
 - b. According to this passage: Were there things that the early Christians continued steadfastly in?
 - c. For further study: **Matthew 6:33; 28:18-20; 1 Corinthians 15:58.**
 - d. Read: **Matthew 6:33.**
 - e. According to this passage: Are we told where the Lord should always be in our priorities?
2. THE ASSEMBLING OF CHRISTIANS TOGETHER. How important is it for individual Christians to assemble faithfully with the church?
 - a. Read: **Hebrews 10:24,25.**
 - b. According to this passage: Is there something Christians are warned not to do?
3. WORSHIP THAT IS ACCEPTABLE TO GOD. When Christians assemble, are they free to worship in any way that pleases them?
 - a. Read: **John 4:23,24.**
 - b. According to this passage: Did Jesus talk about two equally important requirements of true worship?
4. DOING ALL IN THE NAME OF THE LORD. What does it mean to act “in the name of the Lord” and how important is it that we do so?
 - a. Read: **Colossians 3:17.**
 - b. According to this passage: Are we told what things the Christian must do in the Lord’s name?
 - c. According to this passage: In regard to the Christian assembly, for example, would we be acting with the authority of the Lord if we substituted cake and coffee in the Lord’s Supper?
 - d. Read: **2 John 9.**
 - e. According to this passage: Are we told the condition of one who goes beyond the doctrine (teaching) of Christ?
5. WORSHIPING GOD IN SONG. Does it matter what kind of music is offered to God in worship?
 - a. Read: **Ephesians 5:19; Colossians 3:16.**
 - b. According to this passage: When we sing in worship to God, is there something that should take place in our hearts?
 - c. According to this passage: Are we told what purposes are accomplished when Christians sing together?
 - d. According to this passage: Can a mechanical instrument of music do any of these things?
 - e. According to this passage: Could we use a mechanical instrument of music in worship and do so in the name of the Lord?

6. THE CHRISTIAN'S NEW LIFE. To what extent should there be a change in one's life upon becoming a Christian?
 - a. Read: **Ephesians 4:20-24**.
 - b. According to this passage: Is there something the Christian must "put off" and something that must be "put on"?
 - c. For further study: **Titus 2:11-14**.
 - d. Read: **Romans 12:1,2**.
 - e. According to this passage: Are we told something the Christian is not to conform himself to?
 - f. Read: **Luke 14:28-30**.
 - g. According to this passage: Is there something we should do in regard to the "cost" of becoming a Christian?
7. SPIRITUAL GROWTH AND MATURITY. After becoming a Christian, how important is to continue to grow spiritually?
 - a. Read: **2 Peter 1:5-11**.
 - b. According to this passage: Does Peter tell how we may keep from "stumbling" as Christians?
 - c. For further study: **Ephesians 4:14-16**; **1 Peter 2:1-3**.
8. PRAYER. How important is prayer in the daily life of the Christian?
 - a. Read: **1 Thessalonians 5:16-18**.
 - b. According to this passage: Are we told how often the Christian should pray?
9. BIBLE STUDY. How important is Bible study in the daily life of the Christian?
 - a. Read: **2 Timothy 3:15-17**.
 - b. According to this passage: Are we told how we may become wise with respect to salvation?
 - c. For further study: **2 Timothy 2:15**.
10. CONTINUED FAITHFULNESS TO THE LORD. Must we remain faithful until we die to be saved eternally?
 - a. Read: **Revelation 2:10**.
 - b. According to this passage: Does Jesus say on what condition we will receive the "crown of life"?
 - c. For further study: **Philippians 2:12,13**; **Hebrews 3:6,12-14**; **4:1,11**.
11. THE CHRISTIAN'S HOPE. Can we be confident of our eternal salvation?
 - a. Read: **1 Peter 1:3-5**.
 - b. According to this passage: Are we told on what basis the Christian may be sure of his salvation?
 - c. For further study: **2 Peter 1:10,11**; **1 John 5:13**.
12. PERVERTING THE GOSPEL. May we change the conditions for salvation given by God?
 - a. Read: **Galatians 1:6-9**.
 - b. According to this passage: Are we told what the consequences would be of accepting a gospel that was different from what God had revealed?
 - c. According to this passage: Understanding this, would we want to teach a person anything but what we can read in the New Testament?

13. ADDING TO AND TAKING AWAY FROM GOD'S WORD. May we add to or take away from the conditions for salvation that God has given?

- a. Read: **Revelation 22:18,19.**
- b. According to this passage: Are we told what God will do with those who tamper with His word?
- c. For further study: **Deuteronomy 4:2; 1 Corinthians 4:6.**

14. OBEYING THE GOSPEL. What steps must be taken to become a Christian?

- a. Read: **John 3:16.**
- b. According to this passage: Does Christ require us to believe in Him?
- c. For further study: **John 8:24.**

- d. Read: **Luke 13:3.**
- e. According to this passage: Does Christ require us to repent of our sins?
- f. For further study: **Acts 17:30.**

- g. Read: **Matthew 10:32,33.**
- h. According to this passage: Does Christ require us to confess our faith in Him?
- i. For further study: **Romans 10:9,10.**

- j. Read: **Mark 16:16.**
- k. According to this passage: Does Christ require us to be baptized for the remission of sins?
- l. For further study: **Acts 2:38.**

15. BECOMING A PART OF THE LORD'S CHURCH. How can we be members of the same church that those in Acts were members of?

- a. Read: **Acts 2:47.**
- b. According to this passage: If we do the things above, will the Lord add us to His church just as He did those in the New Testament?

16. HEARING AND DOING GOD'S WILL. Is it enough just to know the right thing to do?

- a. Read: **James 1:21,22.**
- b. According to this passage: Can we be saved by hearing God's word if we do not do what we hear?
- c. For further study: **James 4:17.**

17. LOVING GOD AND OBEYING HIS COMMANDMENTS. What is the link between love and obedience?

- a. Read: **1 John 5:3.**
- b. According to this passage: If we love God will we obey His word?

18. THE URGENCY OF OBEYING THE GOSPEL. Is obedience to the gospel something we should postpone until the earliest "convenient" time?

- a. Read: **Acts 16:25,30-34.**
- b. According to this passage: Did the Philippian jailer wait until the next day to be baptized?
- c. For further study: **Acts 24:25.**

19. THE DANGER OF DELAY. Why is it hazardous to wait to obey the gospel?

- a. Read: **James 4:13,14.**
- b. According to this passage: Will we be able to obey the gospel tomorrow?
- c. For further study: **2 Corinthians 6:1,2.**

20. THE WASHING AWAY OF SINS. How can our sins be forgiven right now?

- a. Read: **Acts 22:16.**
- b. According to this passage: Was there something Paul was urged to do immediately?

Questions for Review

1. Are Christians to faithfully attend the assemblies of the church?
2. Does the Lord approve of innovations in our worship such as mechanical instruments of music?
3. Must we turn from our old life and truly live according to the will of Christ?
4. Can we remain faithful to Christ without the spiritual growth that comes from prayer and Bible study?
5. Must we remain faithful until death to be saved eternally?
6. Can we be confident of our eternal salvation?
7. Must one believe, repent, confess, and be baptized in order to become a Christian?
8. Have you done these things in obedience to the gospel of Christ?
9. Can you enjoy the forgiveness of sins and the hope of heaven until you do these things?

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